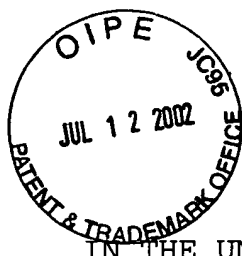


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700
OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated January 25, 2002, was received in the above identified Application which set a time for response of three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before April 25, 2002. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. ET622184611US in an envelope addressed to:
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from April 25, 2002 to July 25, 2002. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$460.00. A check for \$460.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to July 25, 2002, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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